



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

IT REALLY MATTERS HOW WE DETERMINE WHAT REALLY MATTERS. DISCIPLES TAKE SERIOUSLY THE EVALUATION OF PRIORITIES. IN THIS SERIES WE WILL LET SCRIPTURE INFORM OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT REALLY COUNTS.

1 Many people often have a strong suspicion that they will not reach their eternal destination. What are the factors that cause so many Christians to be unsure of their eternal salvation?

2 **DON'T COUNT ON *being good enough as the basis for your salvation.*** Read **Romans 3:10**. Why is the “be good enough” path to salvation a journey that can never reach its goal? What are some of the damaging consequences of trying?

3 If religion could get you safely to your eternal home, the law of Moses was as good a road as one could travel. Paul thought he had everything on that road, and then one day he was blinded going down that road and realized he had nothing. Read **Philippians 3:6-9**. What happened to change Paul’s mind about what really counts? How does this relate to your spiritual journey?

4 **BUT TAKE COUNT *of how God has always saved people.*** Read **Romans 4:3-5**. Paul is quoting Genesis 15:6, one of the most important doctrinal verses in the Bible. It is also quoted in Galatians and James. What do you think it means when it says “Abraham believed God”? How does that impact your daily relationship with God?

5 **Read Romans 4:18-24.** What does Paul mean when he says Abraham’s faith never wavered? Aren’t there times in his life when he struggled to trust God like we probably do? With that in mind, what kind of faith does God look for?

6 **SO COUNT ON *Christ’s goodness being credited to your account when you believe.*** Rick pointed out that salvation is not just being forgiven of our sins, but being credited with the righteous life of Jesus (see 2 Corinthians 5:21). Why is this important, and how does it affect our confidence?

7 **Take God’s faithfulness *into account.*** Read **Jude 24**. Trust that God’s strength can overcome your weakness. Our salvation is sure because God is sure. How can we let these truths penetrate our hearts and impact how we live?

